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### 3 picks cleared; FERC candidates blocked

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The Senate yesterday approved three top nominees by voice vote before adjourning for more than a week, but an effort by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) to advance picks for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission failed. FERC now has three members after six months without a quorum, but two more nominees have been waiting for their Senate vote for weeks. If McIntyre and Glick are confirmed anytime soon, they will walk straight into a major energy policy brouhaha, as FERC considers a proposed rulemaking from the Department of Energy that would shake up electricity markets by granting support to coal and nuclear plants. Two sitting commissioners earlier this week criticized the DOE plan, signaling that FERC will not directly follow the department's lead [ [read more ...](#) ]

### Republican FERC commissioner chafes at Perry's rule proposal

Sam Mintz, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:49:31

Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Robert Powelson spoke out yesterday about the Department of Energy's proposal to change electricity market rules, strongly reaffirming FERC's independent status and promising not to "blow up the markets."  
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### FERC urged to slow grid resiliency overhaul: Update

By Argus Media • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:49:54

FERC commissioner Cheryl LaFleur yesterday did not directly criticize the resiliency proposal from US energy secretary Rick Perry. But she indicated skepticism about proposals to overhaul electric rules that start with a predetermined goal of helping certain power plants. Perry's proposal instructs FERC to develop special payments to "fuel secure" generators with at least 90 days of on-site fuel supplies, an attribute that would apply almost exclusively to coal and nuclear plants. [ [read more ...](#) ]

### Trump Is Said to Argue Obama Clean Power Plan Violates U.S.

## Law

By Jennifer A Dlouhy, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:51:02

The Trump administration will formally propose repealing former President Barack Obama's sweeping plan for curbing greenhouse gas emissions from power plants by arguing it went beyond the bounds of federal law, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg News. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## Trump administration will propose repealing Obama's key effort to combat climate change

By Brady Dennis, Washington Post • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:51:22

The Trump administration plans to scrap former president Barack Obama's signature plan for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions from the nation's power plants, arguing that the previous administration overstepped its legal authority, according to a 43-page proposal obtained by The Washington Post. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## Courts Thwart Administration's Effort to Rescind Obama-Era Environmental Regulations

By ERIC LIPTON, New York Times • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:50:45

The rapid-fire push by the Trump administration to wipe out significant chunks of the Obama environmental legacy is running into a not-so-minor complication: Judges keep ruling that the Trump team is violating federal law. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## BLM proposal would revive mining in renewable energy zone

Scott Streater, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:51:41

The Bureau of Land Management has proposed that the Interior Department cancel the withdrawal of more than a million acres of federal lands from new mining claims within a formally designated renewable energy development zone in the Southern California desert, multiple sources have confirmed to E&E News. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## New wind farm proposed for Dickey County, ND

By John Hageman, Inforum • • Posted 2017-10-06 06:51:57

The 150-megawatt, \$267 million project would be located southwest of Merricourt in Dickey County and would include up to 75 turbines, according to documents filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Foxtail Wind, LLC, applied for a certificate of site compatibility in July. [ [read more ...](#) ]

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